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Utility News

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Thank You for your Water Conservation Help While We Complete the Hillsdale Expansion

The City of Gardner wants to thank residents and businesses for their assistance in controlling water usage by following the suggested odd and even watering schedule while construction work continued for the Hillsdale Water Plant expansion. Your efforts made an impact and the City appreciated your cooperation.



The Hillsdale Water Treat Plant was initially constructed in 1997 as a 2 million gallon a day plant and is being expanded to produce 4 million gallons per day. Currently water is being produced at a rate of 3.1 million gallons per day (MGD), while process controls and instrumentation are fine tuned. Final completion of the entire project is scheduled for mid-September, allowing the plant to produce up to 4 MGD.

The City has removed the warning signs requesting odd/even watering due to improved operations. However, by continuing your efforts to use water wisely during the warm months prevents water shortages from occurring and saves you money! To learn more about how to conserve water, visit www.gardnerkansas.gov.

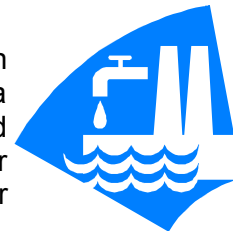


Kill Creek Water Tower Update

This new water tower is being constructed near 159th Street and Waverly Road. The new tower will increase water storage capacity and improve water pressure for City residents. Currently, the pedestal and dome are complete and stands at a height of 150 feet. The storage floor is under construction and will be completed by the end of August. Welding of the tank will begin in late September and completed the first part of November. Once the tank is constructed, the overall height of the Water Tower will be 200 feet and have a capacity of 1 million gallons.

159th Street Water Line

The 159th Street Water Line Extension is being completed in conjunction with the Kill Creek Water Tower Project. There will be a new 12" water main constructed on 159th Street from Gardner Road west to Kill Creek Drive. The new water line loop to the new water tower, to the rest of the City's water system, will enhance water quality. This project is scheduled to begin this fall.



Energy Conservation Tips



Our summer months traditionally cause us to have higher than normal electric bills. When the outdoor temperature rises, our immediate reaction is to cool our homes by drastically lowering the thermostat. Maintaining conservative thermostat levels for your air conditioner is one of the most effective ways to conserve energy during the summer months, but there are other tips that can lead to better summer energy conservation.

- Landscaping is a great way to conserve energy. By carefully positioning trees, you can save up to 25% of a household's energy consumption for heating and cooling.
- Consider an interior fan in conjunction with your window or HVAC air conditioner to spread cooler air more effectively without greatly increasing your energy usage.
- Install white window shades, drapes or blinds to reflect the heat way from your home or business.
- Close curtains on south and west-facing windows during the day.
- Apply sun-control or other reflective films on south-facing windows to reduce solar gain.
- Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as needed.
- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed; make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting or drapes.
- Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you are done cooking or bathing.
- Long-Term Savings Tip: Select energy-efficient products when you buy new heating and cooling equipment.
- Long-Term Savings Tip: For air conditioners, look for a high Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER). The current minimum is 13 SEER for central air conditioners.

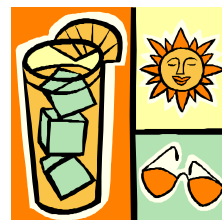


Avoiding Heatstroke

Being outside is fun in the summer, but sometimes the heat make you feel ill. The most dangerous heat illness is heatstroke, which can be a life-threatening medical emergency. The victim may develop a headache, slurred speech, dizziness, faintness, hallucinations, seizures and may even become comatose. To treat, cool the victim as quickly as possible with whatever means is available. Give him liquids and get medical attention immediately.

To help prevent heatstroke:

- Take it easy
- Exercise in an air-conditioned building if possible
- Don't exert yourself in the summer heat
- Drink lots of water in the summer
- Wear sunscreen; a sunburn will inhibit your skin's ability to sweat



NFL Flag Football

This is NFL Flag presented by Nike, the NFL's official non-contact flag football league. Sign up for NFL Flag and you'll not only learn the game, you'll love it! NFL Flag is open to all kids grades 1 thru 6, and is a blast for everyone! Practices will begin in mid-September with games beginning in late September to early October. Games are generally played on Saturday mornings and one night during the week.

Grades: 1 thru 6

Fee: \$45.00

Location: Westside Sports Complex

Registration Deadline: September 8th.

Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department for a NFL Flag registration form.

Late registration will be accepted to fill teams only, and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.

New and returning coaches must submit a 2006 Coaching Application. Registration deadline for Coaches is September 1st. Applications are available at City Hall.



Youth Cheerleading

Come cheer your Gardner Parks and Recreation Department flag football team to victory!

Participants will attend training sessions taught by the high school cheerleaders learning chants and cheers. Uniforms will be provided, and may be kept by participants at the end of the season. Games are played on Saturday mornings and possibly one night during the week. Participants will arrive 30 minutes prior to game time to meet for warm up and preparation.

Ages: Grades K-6

Fee: \$45 (\$25 for returning cheerleaders who still have their uniforms from last year.)

Location: Westside Sports Complex

Registration Deadline: September 8th.

See registration form on back.

New and returning squad leaders must submit a 2006 Application by September 1st. Applications are available at City Hall.



Youth Volleyball

The Gardner Parks & Recreation Youth Volleyball League is open to all kids grades 3 thru 6. Learn the specifics of bumping, passing, setting, serving, and learn how to play by the rules. Practices will begin in mid-September with games beginning in late September to early October. Games will be played on Saturday mornings.

Grades: 3 thru 6

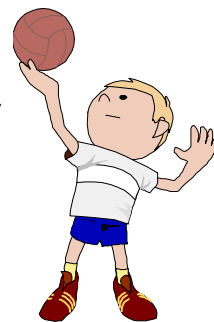
Fee: \$40.00

Location: TBA

Registration Deadline: September 8th

See registration form on back.

New and returning coaches must submit a 2006 Coaching Application by September 1st. Applications are available at City Hall.



Adult 4 on 4 Flag Football

4 on 4 Flag Football is a fun and exciting league for all football fans. Games are played on a 60-yard field and have a 40-minute time limit. Teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until league or tournament is full.

Teams must have same color shirts and wear mouthpieces. All games will be played at the Gardner Westside Sports Complex.

Date/Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Start Date: September 20th

Awards: 1st and 2nd Place

Registration Deadline: September 8th



Adult Flag Football Fall Tournament

This tournament is for adults, 18 years and older. Teams must have the same color shirts and wear mouthpieces. Games will be played at the Westside Sports Complex. This is a double elimination tournament.

Date: October 7th

Awards: Based on Number of Entries

Entry Fee: \$100.00

Registration Deadline: October 3rd



Neighborhood Park Parties!

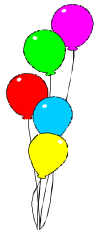
Come spend time with your family and friends at a Gardner Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Park Party! Each of these free events will be a great time for you to meet some of the Parks and Recreation staff and possibly some of your neighbors too! Please bring a side dish to share with others. Hotdogs, chips, drinks, condiments, silverware and flatware will be provided by the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department. There will be prizes and giveaways at the event so don't miss out!



Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Age: All

Fee: Free



Meadowbrook Park

Date: Friday, August 25

Location: 311 W. Main

Stone Creek Park

Date: Friday, August 25

Location: Stone Creek Dr
& Stone Creek Circle

Winwood Park

Date: Friday, September 8

Location: Winwood Park
520 North White Drive

Veterans Park

Date: Friday, September 15

Location: Veterans Park
Center & Pawnee

Bands in the Park

Get all of your friends and family together to enjoy the awesome weather in September! Gardner Parks and Recreation's 2nd Annual Bands in the Park event will be a great way to get outdoors when Autumn Fever hits. Come out and enjoy classic rock music from our local, uprising band **Static 210** and other bands guaranteed to entertain any audience! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes and enjoy music for all ages at **NO CHARGE!** Lots of games and entertainment will be provided for the kids including a moonwalk and giant slide! Concessions will also be available to purchase food and drinks throughout the event. See you there!

Date: Saturday, September 16

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. *Specific schedule TBA*

Age: All

Fee: Free

Location: Cornerstone Park Amphitheatre



For more information or to register online go to www.gardnerkansas.gov

Gardner Parks and Recreation Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Work: _____ Emergency: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Credit Card Type:(circle one): Visa MasterCard Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Email: _____ Yes, please keep me informed via email regarding upcoming programs and special events. For information regarding our privacy policy in terms of use visit www.gardnerkansas.gov.

*When Applicable

Name of Participant/Team	S e x	A g e	Birth date	Grade*	Program Title	Day/Time	T-shirt Size*	Fee

Total\$ _____

Note: Please keep a record of the dates and times of the programs you have enrolled in; confirmations are not sent.

Return completed with check or money order, payable to: Gardner Parks and Recreation

LIABILITY RELEASE:I, as a participant or legal guardian representing a minor participant agree to release the City of Gardner, its officers, employees and volunteers, from an and all liability for accidents, injuries, loss of and/or damage to my/our person or property that may arise out of my/our participation in/and our presence at the above activity(s). I/we understand the risks and possible dangers of participating in these activity(s). Also, I/we authorize the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participant while participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or the undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have resulting from such photograph(s) or reproductions thereof. I have entered into this agreement of my own free will.

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I have read and understand the liability release and refund policy; Registration invalid without signature.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____